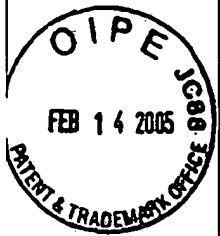


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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed Dec. 7, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks as placing the claims into a condition for allowance or at least in better form for appeal.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.